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MS164183.01/MSFTP316USREMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 32-38 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicants' representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 10-19 and 27 are allowable. Independent claims 1 and 28 have been amended to cure the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 as shown at pages 2-6 of the Reply. Claims 9 and 11 have also been amended to correct minor informalities.

The herein amendments to the claims and specification are believed to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

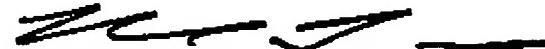
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP316US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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